Academic Questions

Prof retired, I don’t miss meetings,
where men dived for resonance
and women proved equal

to Aristotle himself in framing exhaust-
ing catalogs. Worst were leaden seminars
where faculty preambles to questions of
fogbound speakers stretched beyond

boundaries of snooze. I’d like to show
you where this wasn’t so. When
W or P addressed Columbia or such,

young instructor began his “question”
something like “You sleazy sonofabitch!
You ought to be tried as a war criminal!”

Example offer I for joyful brevity’s sake. So,
now, W OR P? And where? you rightly ask. Just

can’t remember. Though either Neo-Twin’d
spend your children’s blood for theory,
spinning gold thereof.